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April 25, 2001

Jimmy Hodges  
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Beaver, Utah 84713

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Wah Wah Mine Project, S/021/031, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial \$100.00 permit application fee, received by the Division on April 24, 2001. The proposed Wah Wah Mine project is located in the SW1/4 of Section 23 and the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 24, T31S, R17W, SLBM, Iron County, Utah. The application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. **You may commence with your mining operations as outlined, provided you have satisfied the Bureau of Land Management requirements.**

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Your notice states that the exterior corners have been marked; however, markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee. Billing statements are sent out during June for payment of the next upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2001- June 30, 2002) permit fees.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

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Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joelle Burns for".

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: SMO-1-2  
cc: Ed Ginouves, BLM, Cedar City FO (UTU-78619)  
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